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SERVERS IN AN ON-DEMAND	)		
ENVIRONMENT	)		

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Confirmation No. 1473) mailed May 3, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below, and reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing sheets is attached following page 15 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the disclosure contained in paragraph 23 with the following rewritten disclosure:

Figure 3 shows a flow diagram 300 of another exemplary method of allocating storage between system users of a storage area network according to the present invention. Figure 4 shows a functional block diagram of an exemplary on-demand server system 400 that utilizes the exemplary method of allocating storage between system users of a storage area shown in Figure 3. On-demand server system 400 is configured as a Storage Area Network (SAN) and includes web/application servers 401a-401d. Web/application servers 401a-401d are connected to multiple network interconnects 402a-402d and to multiple storage interconnects 403a and 403b. Storage interconnects 403a and 403b are connected to a plurality of data storage devices 405a-405b through SAN-attached storage controllers 404a and 404b. SAN-attached storage controllers 404a~~104a~~ and 404b~~104b~~ communicate in a well-known manner through communication link 408~~108~~ to coordinate storage control. While Figure 4 shows exemplary on-demand server system 400 as having only four web/application servers 401a-401d, four network interconnects 402a-402d, two storage interconnects 403a and 403b, two SAN-attached storage controllers 404a and 404b, and four data storage devices 405a-405d, it should be understood that on-demand server system 400 can have any number of web/application servers, network interconnects, storage interconnects, SAN-attached storage controllers, and storage devices.